

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Daniel Glickman as Secretary of Agriculture.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4837-S4953

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, today, as follows: S. 647-656, and S. Res. 97. **Page S4924**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 24, providing for the broadcasting of press briefings on the floor prior to the Senate's daily convening, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, U.S. Senate, During the 103d Congress, 1993-1994". (S. Rept. No. 104-22)

S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets competition. (S. Rept. No. 104-23) **Pages S4923-24**

Measures Passed:

Reporting Deadlines: Senate passed S. 464, to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts. **Page S4939**

Rules Clarification: Senate passed S. 532, to clarify the rules governing venue. **Page S4939**

FEMA Supplemental Appropriations/Rescissions: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Bingaman Amendment No. 426 (to Amendment No. 420), to restore funding for programs under the Community Services Block Grant Act.

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(2) Burns Amendment No. 428 (to Amendment No. 420), to broaden areas in which salvage timber sales are not to be conducted. **Page S4869**

(3) Grassley/Dorgan Amendment No. 430 (to Amendment No. 420), to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of Agriculture to delineate new agricultural wetlands, except under certain circumstances. **Pages S4883-85**

(4) Kerrey/Cohen Amendment No. 435 (to Amendment No. 420), to rescind certain funds for GSA Federal buildings and courthouses. (By 45 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 122), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4891-92, S4895, S4915**

(5) By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 124), Shelby Amendment No. 437 (to Amendment No. 435), to rescind certain funds for GSA Federal buildings and courthouses. **Pages S4896-99, S4914-15**

(6) Hatfield (for Hollings/Biden) Amendment No. 440 (to Amendment No. 420), to restore funding in the Department of Justice's Drug Court Program.

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Rejected:

(1) Murray Amendment No. 429 (to Amendment No. 420), to establish procedures to expedite salvage timber sales. (By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4869-82**

(2) Boxer Amendment No. 436 (to Amendment No. 420), to delete the rescission of the funds appropriated for the Department of Education for the Technology for Education of All Students Program in the amount of \$5 million and for the Star Schools Program in the amount of \$5 million; and to rescind \$11 million of the funds available under the Department of Defense Appropriations Act 1995, for acquisition of two executive aircraft. (By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(3) Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 438 (to Amendment No. 420), to transfer funds raised from electric ratepayers for nuclear waste disposal to drug abuse block grants. (By 77 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4903–08, S4915

(4) Reid Amendment No. 439 (to Amendment No. 420), to transfer funds raised from electric ratepayers for nuclear waste disposal to rural health outreach programs. Pages S4908–15

Pending:

Hatfield Amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4844–S4919

D'Amato Amendment No. 427 (to Amendment No. 420), to require Congressional approval of aggregate annual assistance to any foreign entity using the exchange stabilization fund established under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, in an amount that exceeds \$5 billion.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 441 (to Amendment No. 427), of a perfecting nature. Page S4919

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, March 31, 1995.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 120 EX), Daniel Robert Glickman, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Agriculture. Pages S4843–44, S4959

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Catherine Baker Stetson, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for the remainder of the term expiring May 19, 2000.

Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Catherine Baker Stetson, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2000, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995. Page S4959

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—125) Pages S4844, S4882, S4895, S4896, S4914–15

Recess: Senate convened at 9:20 a.m., and recessed at 11:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 31, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S4939.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Reserve component programs, receiving testimony from Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Regional Affairs; Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; Maj. Gen. Max Baratz, USA, Chief, Army Reserve; Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo, USA, Director, Army National Guard; Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Hall, USN, Chief, Naval Reserve; Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabeo, USCG, Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve, Coast Guard; Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, USAF, Chief, United States Air Force Reserve; Brig. Gen. Ronald G. Richard, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Maj. Gen. Roger W. Sandler, USA (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association of the United States; Maj. Gen. Robert F. Ensslin, USA (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, and Maj. Gen. Ansell M. Stroud, Jr., ARNGR, Adjutants General Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Col. Bradley T. MacDonald, USMC, Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, and Rear Adm. Philip W. Smith, USNR (Ret.), Naval Reserve Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; and Master Sgt. Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 5.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Counterproliferation Support Program, receiving testimony from William B. Shuler, Deputy Assistant

Secretary for Counterproliferation, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy; G. William Heiser, Director, Military Assistance and Response, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Capt. Ronald D. Gumbert, USN, Assistant Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gordon Oehler, Director, Non-Proliferation Center, Central Intelligence Agency.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 6.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the proposed fiscal year 1996 budget for the National Science Foundation, after receiving testimony from John H. Gibbons, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Neal F. Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; Robert Swenson, Montana State University, Bozeman; Royce Engstrom, University of South Dakota, Vermillion; John Saunby, Union Carbide Technical Center, Salem, South Carolina; and Joseph Danek, EPSCOR Foundation, Washington, D.C.

MINING LAW REFORM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on S. 504, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and S. 506, to provide a reasonable royalty from mineral activities on Federal lands, to specify reclamation requirements for mineral activities on Federal lands, and to create a State program for the reclamation of abandoned hard rock mining sites on Federal lands, receiving testimony from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Jim Carter, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Salt Lake City; Dino DiCianno, Nevada Department of Taxation, Carson City; Douglas C. Yearley, Phelps Dodge Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the Mineral Resources Alliance and the National Mining Association; Steven C. Borell, Alaska Miners Association, Anchorage; Lois VanHoover, Alliance of Independent Miners, Boise, Idaho; Lynne Stone, Boulder-White Clouds Council, Ketchum, Idaho; Ed Whitelaw, University of Oregon, Eugene; and Philip M. Hocker, Mineral Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure re-

sumed hearings on S. 440, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, focusing on the use of crumb rubber in asphalt pavement and the diversion of funds to State safety programs for States without motorcycle helmet and safety belt use laws, receiving testimony from Senators Lautenberg, Campbell, Nickles, and Snowe; Mark L. Rosenberg, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta, Georgia), Department of Health and Human Services; Rhode Island State Senator William Enos, Tiverton; New Hampshire State Representative Sherman Packard, Londonderry; Illinois State Senator John Cullerton, Chicago; Marshall Moore, North Dakota Department of Transportation, Bismarck; Frank Carlile, Florida Department of Transportation, Tallahassee; Gary Sauer, Maple Grove, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Asphalt Pavement Association; and Jed Billings, FNF Construction, Inc., Tempe, Arizona.

Hearings continue on Thursday, April 6.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to reorganize and revitalize American foreign affairs institutions, focusing on alternatives to the Agency for International Development, receiving testimony from Linda F. Powers, ENRON Development Corporation, Houston, Texas; John D. Kasarda, Kenan Institute for Private Enterprise, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and John W. Sewell, Overseas Development Council, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held hearings on proposals to reorganize and revitalize American foreign affairs institutions, receiving testimony from Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary of State for Management; John D. Holum, Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Joseph D. Duffey, Director, United States Information Agency; J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development; Jeffrey E. Garten, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Robert M. Kimmitt, Lehman Brothers, and John Rhinelander, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, both of Washington, D.C.; and William Schneider, Jr., International Planning Services, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GAO

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings on the roles, mission, and operation of the General Accounting Office and its future direction, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, and James F. Hinchman, Special Assistant to the Comptroller General, both of the General Accounting Office; and R. Scott Fosler, Alan K. Campbell, and Annmarie Walsh, all of the National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities concluded oversight hearings on the implementation and administration of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program, focusing on the loan disbursement process, including collection and servicing issues, after receiving testimony from Madeleine Kunin, Deputy Secretary, Steven A. McNamara, Assistant Inspector

General for Audit, and Leo Kornfeld, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, all of the Department of Education; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Lynn M. Fawthrop, Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Rudolph G. Penner, KPMG Peat Marwick, Washington, D.C.; Larry M. Tait, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; James A. Belvin, Jr., Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Joseph A. Russo, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; Donald M. Honeman, University of Vermont, Burlington; and Earl E. Dowling, Iowa State University, Ames.

SENATE FLOOR PRESS BRIEFINGS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. Res. 24, providing for the broadcasting of press briefings on the floor prior to the Senate's daily convening.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H.R. 1360–1373; one private bill, H.R. 1374; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 83–85 and H. Res. 124, were introduced.

Pages H4030–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 655, to authorize the Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Programs of the Department of Energy, amended (H. Rept. 104–95); and

H.R. 1345, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (H. Rept. 104–96).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Largent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Health Insurance Costs: House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and ex-

changes effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission—clearing the measure for Senate action.

Pages H3996–H4004

H. Res. 121, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 279. By a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 278, agreed to order the previous question on the rule.

Pages H3986–95

Robert H. Michel Rooms: House agreed to H. Res. 65, naming certain rooms in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of former Representative Robert H. Michel.

Pages H4005–08

Agreed to:

The Thomas amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Amend the preamble and the title.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Monday, April 3. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

Pages H4008–10

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 31, to file the conference report on H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve

and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

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Late Report: The Committee on Science received permission to have until 5:00 p.m. today, to file a report on H.R. 655, Hydrogen Future Act of 1995.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 5.

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Late Report: The Committee on Government Reform and Oversight received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 1345, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3979.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3994–95 and H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans of the Committee on Resources held a joint oversight hearing to review law enforcement activities on federal lands. Testimony was heard from Senator Kempthorne; Mollie Beattie, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Greg Matlock, Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Alan G. Lance, Attorney General, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Judiciary, and on Economic and Business Development. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Arnold, Chief Judge, Eighth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carol DiBattiste, Director, Executive Office of the U.S. Attorneys; and Eduardo Gonzalez, Director,

U.S. Marshals Service; Philip Lader, Administrator, SBA; Rafael Borrás, Acting Director, Minority Business Development Agency; and William Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of Interior.

LABOR–HHS–EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Cancer Institute and National Center for Research Resources, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and on the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Edward J. Sondik, M.D., Acting Director, National Cancer Institute; Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; and Phillip E. Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held a hearing on FAA Training. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Todd Zinser, Principal Investigator, Office of Inspector General; and David Hinson, Administrator, FAA.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a

hearing on OPM/OMB/GAO-Federal Personnel Issues, OPM and Inspector General for OPM. Testimony was heard from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB; the following officials of the OPM: James B. King, Director; and Patrick McFarland, Inspector General; and Timothy P. Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Human Resources Management Issues, General Government Division, GAO.

VA, HUD, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

MARKETS AND TRADING REORGANIZATION AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government-Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 718, Markets and Trading Reorganization and Reform Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Leach; Mary Schapiro, Chairwoman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on the Administration's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget, with emphasis on views of Members of Congress. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

CONSUMER'S PERSPECTIVE ON MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on A Consumer's Perspective on Medical Devices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protection held a hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act. Testimony was heard from Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor, City of New York; Christopher W. Waddell, Chief Counsel, Department of Finance, State of California; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported H.R. 1345, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995.

ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Administration's International Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1996. Testimony was heard from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State; J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and Lt. Gen. Thomas Rhame, USA, Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL DRUG LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on Enforcement of Federal Drug Laws. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI; and Thomas Constantine, Administrator, DEA.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on verification of eligibility for employment and benefits. Testimony was heard from Barbara Jordan, Chair, Commission on Immigration Reform; Robert L. Bach, Executive Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; William Ludwig, Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, USDA; Wendell E. Primus, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Services Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; Nelson Diaz, General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Joseph A. Antolin, Deputy Director, Field Operations, Department of Public Aid, State of Illinois; Esperita Johnson-Bullard, Eligibility Supervisor, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services, City of Alexandria, Virginia; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on wartime vs. peacetime medical requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VAdm. James LaPlante, USN, Director, Logistics, The Joint Staff; Lt. Gen. Alcide M. LaNoue, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; VAdm. Donald F. Hagen, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Edgar R. Anderson, Jr., USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force; and Stephen Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and Neil

Singer, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Division, CBO. Hearings continue April 4.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement continued hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on strategic lift. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Department of the Air Force; Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command; and VAdm. Philip M. Quasat, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses. Hearings continue April 6.

GREENS CREEK LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 1266, Greens Creek Land Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from Jim Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and Tom Albanese, General Manager, Kennecott Greens Creek Mining Company, Juneau, Alaska.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 898, High Seas Fishing Compliance Act of 1995; H.R. 1139, Striped Bass Act of 1995; H.R. 1141, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1995; and H.R. 1175, Marine Resources Revitalization Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Department of Energy and Bureau of Reclamation Operational Issues. Testimony was heard from Daniel P. Beard, Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan Shafer, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration; Forrest E. Reeve, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Leon Jourolmon, Jr., Acting Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and Steve Wright, Vice President, Washington, D.C., Liaison Office, Bonneville Power Administration.

SBA OF THE FUTURE

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings on the SBA, with emphasis on the SBA of the Future.

Testimony was heard from Philip Lader, Administrator, SBA.

PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Physician Payment Review Commission Recommendations on Physician Payments. Testimony was heard from John Eisenberg, M.D. Chairman, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

DCI BUDGET WRAP-UP

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on DCI Budget Wrap-Up. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of certain veterans programs, after receiving testimony from Ray H. Fuller, Veterans of World War I; Carl E. Foley, Blinded Veterans of America; Charles S. Prigmore, American Ex-Prisoners of War; James L. Brazee, Jr., Vietnam Veterans of America; and John C. Loberg, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; and Arthur W. Klingel, Jr., AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on agricultural credit, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Veterans Affairs Service Organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on gun laws and the need for self-defense, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, FEMA Supplemental Appropriations/Rescissions.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, April 3

House Chamber

Program For Monday: Consideration of the following 4 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1345, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995;
2. H.R. 716, the Fisherman's Protective Act Amendments;
3. H. Res. 120, the Resolution Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding the American Citizens Held in Iraq; and
4. H.R. 1271, the Family Privacy Protection Act.

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